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In the Application of: Frédéric AMICHE, Yves BOMAL and Laurence LADOUCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees, please enter the following amendment in the specification and claims.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add: - This application is an application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/FR99/00240 filed on February 4, 1999.- -

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 36 and add the following claims 37 to 74:

37. A combination in dry form, comprising microfibrils with a mean diameter of less than 0.8 μm , and at least one mineral particle.

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